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Mr. Colquitt Lane  
Sherlock, Smith and Adams  
303 Washington Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Lane:

Thank you for your letter of March 1, 1956, enclosing a copy of your brochure for our review in the consideration of possible associations with Harrison and Abramovitz in the planning for the Central Intelligence Agency headquarters building.

You may be aware that we have received the final report of the National Capital Planning Commission approving of our selection of a site at Langley, Virginia. With the receipt of this report, we are in a position to proceed with our plans, but we have not yet reached any final determination with regard to the utilization of associate architects. The situation in this regard remains as I explained it in my conversations with you and Mr. Smith in January and February of this year.

We hope to be able to negotiate a contract with Harrison and Abramovitz very soon. As I explained to Mr. Smith, it is our intention that architectural responsibility will at all times rest with Mr. Wallace K. Harrison, of that firm, even though associate architectural firms might be engaged and, of course, any associate architectural firm selected will have to be entirely acceptable to the Central Intelligence Agency, the General Services Administration and Harrison and Abramovitz.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated, and I have informed Harrison and Abramovitz of your desire to be considered for possible association.

Sincerely,

L. E. White  
Deputy Director

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